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PROJECT CEASEFIRE
**CONVICTED ROBBER GETS MAXIMUM
SENTENCE FOR ILLEGAL FIREARM
STOLEN DURING SHOOTING**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., felon was sentenced in federal court today for illegally possessing a firearm. Today's sentencing, Graves said, is a part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

Antonio Clemmons, 32, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning to the maximum of 10 years in federal prison without parole.

On July 1, 2005, **Clemmons** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Clemmons** admitted that he was in possession of a Cobray 9 mm pistol on Nov. 12, 2002. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Clemmons** has a 1991 criminal felony conviction for robbery and a 1990 criminal felony conviction for tampering.

Clemmons stole the pistol from Jamal Williams, of Kansas City, after shooting him eight times with a Smith and Wesson .40-caliber pistol on Oct. 20, 2002, Graves said. Williams identified **Clemmons** to law enforcement as the person who shot and robbed him, Graves added, but was later shot again and killed by an unknown person on Dec. 5, 2003. The Cobray 9 mm was later recovered from **Clemmons'** residence on Nov. 12, 2002.

Clemmons was originally charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Sept. 14, 2004, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Becker. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and

Explosives.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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